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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 through 9, and 15 have each been amended in minor respects in response to the examiner's objections to those claims and to the indefiniteness rejections. The instances of indefiniteness that were noted by the examiner have each been addressed, and, with one exception, the examiner's suggestions relative to the claim objections have been adopted. In regard to the objection to claim 15, that claim has been amended to depend from apparatus claim 13 instead of from method claim 1 because claim 15 is intended as an apparatus claim.

Clarifying amendments have also been made to claims 9 and 10, which are directed to chassis level control as a function of the operation of the transmission control and the clutch. As is noted in the discussion contained in paragraphs 0059 through 0067 of the specification, chassis pitching movements resulting from clutch and transmission operations can be prevented or reduced by correlating the operation of the chassis level control unit with the clutch and transmission operating conditions.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the examiner of the allowability of the subject matter of the claims. In view of the formal and other amendments as reflected hereinabove, all the claims are believed now to be in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this amendment raises any questions, so that any such question can be


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quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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